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the tax may be that we come up with a solution that isn't anywhere near what you think should be done or what should be done. A whole bunch of new people are going to be working on this situation. What Senator Beutler is proposing needs to be discussed. Maybe we should have looked a little bit longer at his proposal for raising money to deal with these issues. But what I'm asking you to think about on these water issues, not only the Legislature...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: ...but all that are dealing with it, we need to move these things ahead this year and not leave it to those of us who haven't been working on the problem, to solve next year. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Wehrbein and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this issue is going to loom over this Legislature, probably to a greater extent than even some of these school conflicts and these supposed tax reduction bills. And some of that tax legislation may be grafted onto or injected into the water problem. But as I look at Senator Beutler's amendment, I think it is very tightly drawn, so I'm going to share the analysis that I make of it on the basis of how it's written. I see what could be called five parts. Starting in line 2: "No water well constructed after January 1, 2001, in a river basin or part of a river basin," that's one. It tells you the point at which you're going to start applying this language: "constructed after January 1, 2001, in a river basin or part of a river basin." We know what we're dealing with and the time frame. Number two: "that has been the subject of litigation over an interstate compact or decree in which the state of Nebraska was a named defendant." That narrows it to one specific item from which we can move in discussing everything else, and it limits it. Number three, none of these wells, number three: "shall be allowed to pump any water after January 1, 2007." These wells dug or sunk or poked after January 1, 2001, should not be allowed to pump any more water, in my opinion. Senator Beutler,